

## HOUSING ASSISTANCE, COUNSELING & SOLUTIONS

- Housing Services increased accessibility to affordable housing, assisted families rehabilitate their homes, and helped families save their homes against foreclosure.
- Successfully administered a \$1.5 million Impact Proviso Grant which provided down-payment assistance and foreclosure prevention assistance.
- Provided down-payment assistance to 90 first-time homebuying families that purchased homes in unincorporated areas of Leon County.
- Provided financing to repair and rehabilitate more than 30 homes when the need involved issues surrounding the building code, health, safety, and/or insurability. These families are now occupying safe, sanitary and comfortable homes.

- Provided foreclosure prevention assistance, counseling and funding to more than 100 families who found themselves behind on their mortgage and at risk of losing their home to foreclosure. Because of the program, these families are now current on their mortgage and were able to stay in their homes.
- Worked with the Escambia County Housing Finance Authority in the development of a multi-million dollar Single Family Bond Issue.



## 2 DID YOU KNOW

Leon County provided down-payment assistance to 100 first-time home buyers who purchased homes in unincorporated areas of the County.

The division of Housing Services helps to provide safe, sanitary, and affordable homes for low-income citizens of Leon County through the provision of funds for rehabilitation, home counseling and down-payment assistance.

The division is led by Lamarr Kemp, Sr., who has 17 years of experience in affordable housing program administration, real estate development, home building and real estate finance. Kemp is also a Licensed Residential Builder and a HUD Certified Homebuyer Educator.

Prior to joining Leon County Housing Services, Kemp managed an affordable housing building project of 60,000 homes in Gabon, West Central Africa, was inducted into the "Who's Who" U.S. Registry of Leading American Executives, and earned a "Businessman of the Year Award" from the Vanguard Chronicle.

Kemp's team provides down-payment and closingcost assistance, housing rehabilitation, disaster recovery, foreclosure prevention, disaster mitigation and home replacement services to the residents of Leon County.

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